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Unions Battle Florida Right To Work Laws

Tampa, Florida. The open shop became a hot issue in what has been a drowsy Florida political campaign after the U. S. Supreme Court shunted the hotly-contested right-to-work amendment back to the state courts for a decision before ruling finally on its constitutionality.

Labor leaders told Federated Press a few hours after the supreme court passed the buck back to Florida that they would bring the issue of the amendment prohibiting closed shop contracts in the state directly to the voters in the May Democratic primaries.

CANDIDATE TEST
Candidates, they said, would be judged by their stand on repealing the amendment originally sponsored by Sen. W. Lee (Pappy) O'Daniel's Christian Americans acting through Atty. Gen. J. Tom Watson of this state.

Still to be seen, however, is whether first test of the amendment will come from labor, management or the state. For the past few months Watson has been showing distinct signs of wanting to drop the hot potato which is choking his political career.

On the same day the high court ruling Watson dropped suits against eight Tampa cigar manufacturers to void closed shop contracts with the Cigar Makers Intl. Union. Watson was also expected to move for dismissal of a suit against the Tampa Shipbuilding Co., which has a closed shop contract with the Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated).

United Spanish Exile Govt. To War on Franco

Paris, France. While Great Britain and the U.S. continue to hold back on Franco's proposals for a stiffer policy against Franco Spain, the Spanish republican government-in-exile under Jose Giral is now prepared to show the UNO a fully united, broad coalition government representing all sections of the Spanish people.

Agreement has been reached to broaden the government-in-exile to include Catalan, Basque, Catholic and Galician representatives as well as one Communist and one anti-Franco Conservative who had just arrived there from Spain.

Walgreen Drug Stores In Detroit Signed Up With Culinary Union

Detroit, Michigan. The two anti-union Walgreen drugstores in Detroit are now under union contract after a 10-week strike and stanch picketline maintained by the Hotel and Restaurant Union. Pres. Charles R. Walgreen Jr. of the national drug chain wasn't man enough to sign the contract but sold his two local stores to Cunningham's. This brings them automatically under the AFL contract.

According to the AFL, Walgreen paid strikebreakers \$100 a week, tried to get the cops to act as strikebreakers and used numerous other anti-labor tricks, all in vain.

Strikebreaker Killings Take Place in China

Chungking, China. Twenty workers were killed and three injured when secret police squads and soldiers of the Kuomintang 14th army broke a strike at the China Wollen Textile Mill outside Chungking, according to the New China News Agency. Twenty other workers were hauled to prison where they were subjected to torture. After strikers were forced to return to their machines at bayonet-point, soldiers remained to garrison the factory.

A SUCKER A SECOND

During 1945, 17,000,000 fans attended horse races in tracks with pari mutuel betting. Altogether, in the 18 states where this type of betting is allowed, \$1,306,514,314 was pushed through the little windows. Which, with all the money donated to the bpkies, puts the ponies up in the Big Business category.

Wall St. Journal Weeps Over 'Cut' In Tycoon Wages

New York City. Worried about the plight of the "forgotten man in the inflation spiral," a Wall Street Journal survey reported that the higher salaried man or company executive requires a 53% salary increase to recover his 1939 buying power status.

The survey, which covered seven cities, concedes that the cost of living has gone up 30%, but finds that the only real help for men now forced to make ends meet on salaries of \$5,000 a year and up would be tax relief.

"In the top-flight corporation executive and movie star bracket the high tax rate packs a wallop that is devastating," the Journal says. It offers as a tearjerker the sad tale of Walter S. Gifford, president of American Telephone & Telegraph Co., whose salary of \$206,000 leaves him, only about \$43,000 after taxes to skimp along on.

While finding that a number of companies are giving increases to their high-paid employees ranging from 5% to 18%, the Journal reports: "There is a psychological factor which acts as a barrier to higher salaries now for top company executives. Some companies feel that, in view of the general labor unrest and epidemic of strikes, their bargaining position is weakened by granting earning boosts to their executives."

Same issue of the Journal which lavishes three columns on "wage relief" for executives decides editorially that legislation raising the minimum wage from 40c to 65c an hour "can hurt."

"The lowness of low wages is not due solely to the anxiety of employers to make profits," it comments. "To an important degree it is an expression of the relatively low value of the services rendered by low-wage employees."

George Meany Heads American Delegates To Mexico Gathering

Washington, D.C. Sec. Treas. George Meany has been appointed to the U. S. delegation to the Mexico City Conference of American States members of the Intl. Labor Organization by President Harry S. Truman.

AFL Organizer A. F. Cadena of San Antonio, Tex., Director Michael Ross of the CIO's Intl. Dept., and Pres. Willard Townsend of the Transport Service Employees were named advisers to Meany, who will represent U. S. workers.

Sen. Dennis Chavez (D, N.M.) will represent the U. S. government and James D. Zellerbach of San Francisco will represent U. S. employers at the meeting. The appointments were made on recommendation of Sec. of Labor Schweitzer, concurred in by Sec. of State James Byrnes.

Hotel Workers In N. Y. Sign Ritzy Waldorf

New York City. Climaxing an 8-year fight, the New York Hotel Trades Council (AFL) signed a contract with the Waldorf-Astoria, last of the big city hotels to hold out against the union. The contract, covering 2100 cooks, bartenders, engineers, waiters, maids, bellhops and other employees, is virtually the same as the council has with 143 other hotels here and brings wage increases ranging from \$1.50 to \$3 weekly to the workers.

Communist Group Hit By British Labor Party

London.—Britain's Labor party lashed out vigorously at Communism and its own dissident left-wing elements. A manifesto accused British Communists of wishing to form a fifth column and angrily rejected the Communist party's bid for affiliation.

The Communist party was declared an enemy of democracy, an obstacle to friendship with the Soviet Union and a discredited failure in a statement that also termed it "a real danger and serious menace as a fifth column working from within."

Emergency Funds For Housing Get Approval

Washington, D.C. The House quickly approved, 355 to 1, a \$253,727,000 emergency fund to provide temporary homes for war veterans and their families. The dissenting vote was cast by Rep. Jesse Sumner (R, Ill.).

AMERICAN DOLLARS AID NAZIS

American investments in Germany were close to \$350 million in 1940 as compared to \$227 million in 1936, an increase of more than 50%. American industrialists and bankers put money into the Nazi war industries while Hitler was murdering millions all over Europe. It was these same German industries, supported by American capital, that helped the Nazis to kill tens of thousands of Americans. Just "good business," you know.

The above facts should give you an idea why Wall Street is so fiercely opposed to dismantling German war industries, as agreed upon at Potsdam.

Premium Pay on Materials Need To Boost Home Building, Said

Washington, D.C. Two days of testimony before the Senate banking committee brought out Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt's firm conviction that the veteran housing program can best succeed if premium payments for bottleneck building materials are inserted into the crippled Patman housing bill. Wyatt also urged that speculative buying of houses be curbed so that veterans buying houses already built will not be forced to pay sky-high prices.

Throughout the hearings, opposition to the Wyatt program was voiced in the form of questions by Senators Robert A. Taft (R, O.), Homer Capehart (R, Ind.) and Eugene D. Millikin (R, Col.).

The main bone of contention between the senators and Wyatt was his primary concern with getting houses built, while the committee members sought protection for materials producers, real estate interests and builders.

Wyatt said that even if his program were carried out in full there would be a shortage of 758,000 family units at the end of 1947.

Wyatt's figures showed that 78% of the nation's cities of 100,000 and over report price increases of over 50% in homes selling in 1940 for \$6,000 or less. The figure is 77% for smaller cities.

The housing expediter also sought curbs on speculation in building lots, of particular concern to those buying prefabricated homes. He said that typical increase in lot prices is 67% since 1940.

Extension of the life of the Patman measure to the end of 1947 was termed necessary by Wyatt. The House had sliced 6 months from it. "The veterans' housing program cannot be less than a two-year program," he said.

Trainmen Chief Warns Railroad Magnates About Changing Rules

Chicago, Illinois. An effort to reduce railroad workers' living standards by adoption of 29 company changes in working rules or rejection of union wage demands will signal a nationwide rail strike, Pres. A. F. Whitney of Bro. of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) warned a government fact-finding board.

Winding up the case of his union and the Bro. of Locomotive Engineers (unaffiliated) for a 25% wage increase and changes in 44 work rules, Whitney charged that the roads' counter-proposal of 29 rule changes "would destroy the working conditions for which our men have fought for 50 years."

"We are sick and tired of being the laughing stock of various labor groups," Whitney said. "We will not walk out of Chicago with the finger of shame pointing at us. We will not leave here without a substantial increase in pay as good or better than other industry groups have obtained."

The rail unions postponed a strike scheduled for March 11 when President Truman appointed the fact-finding board.

Unfair Firms Listed

(State Federation of Labor Release)

San Francisco, Calif.

Because of strike conditions, 10 lumber companies in northern California have been placed on the Federation's state-wide unfair list. This action was taken by the Executive Council in response to the request of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers locals involved. It is reported that these companies may attempt to resume operations under strike conditions.

The unfair companies are as follows:

Humboldt County — Hammond Redwood Company, Pacific Lumber Company, Eureka Lumber Company, Dolbeer & Carson Lumber Company, Northern Redwood Lumber Company, Arcata Redwood Company.

Mendocino County — Union Lumber Company, Caspar Lumber Company, Rockport Lumber Company, Ukiah Pine Lumber Company.

The McMahan Furniture Company's Santa Barbara store has also been placed on the "We Don't Patronize" list. The request was made that the company itself be placed on our statewide list, and the Federation office is now engaged in checking this matter with the Central bodies throughout the state before complying with the request.

SEE MILLION OUT OF WORK IN STATE BY FALL SEASON

Although their estimates may vary, authorities on the subject are agreed that by the end of 1946 unemployment in California will hit around the million mark.

Prof. Samuel May of UC, basing his calculations on excess of immigration over out-migration, in addition to other post-war factors, figures from 905,000 to 1,080,000.

Alfred G. Norris, consulting engineer, figures between 810,000 and 1,172,000 this summer and from 900,000 to 1,251,000 in the fall.

State's population has increased 2 million in 5 years, and job opportunities created by war production have suffered a drastic slash.

Typographical Signs Up Large Detroit Plant

Detroit, Michigan. The Birmingham Eccentric job shop has yielded at last to pressure of the Intl. Typographical Union Local 18 (Detroit) for a sole bargaining union contract, but not until the national labor relations board certified the local as exclusive bargaining agent for all composing room employees.

The shop, which is in a northern suburb, is the largest commercial printshop in the local jurisdiction, Pres. C. G. Sparkman of the union says, outside of Wayne county.

WHY UNCLE SAM KEEPS UP BOND CAMPAIGN

Six-fold aim of the U. S. Treasury in continuing to sell Series E, F, and G. Savings Bonds, according to Vernon L. Clark, Nat. Director of the Savings Bond Division, is to combat inflation; keep savings bond investment total around its present \$48 billion peak; foster the national thrift habits; and to keep ownership of the public debt spread among as many Americans as possible.

According to Clark, the American people, without wartime pressure, put more than \$2 billion into bonds during the first quarter of 1946.

Unions Help to Lick Bonds for Schools Until Teachers Hiked

Kansas City, Missouri

AFL unions here helped give the Board of Education a sound drubbing in a citywide vote held to increase taxes for additional school funds.

The school board had asked for additional funds for wage increases and increased operating expenses but refused to give any assurances of a \$600 yearly raise for teachers and \$480 a year for custodians and maintenance men. The AFL refused to lend support to the tax increase and brought about its defeat.

AFL leaders immediately after the election called for setting up of a citywide committee to deal with the school problem and said they would press ahead for the pay increases. They indicated willingness to support the tax levy in a special election if the school board would go along on the wage increases asked. Custodians and maintenance men are well organized and there is a local of the American Federation of Teachers.

Court Upholds Time Payments On Initiations

Washington, D.C.

The practice of giving workers the benefit of "time payments" to make up an initiation fee in their union won the blessing of the U. S. Supreme Court in a case that most newspapers called the "legalizing of the kickback."

What actually happened was that the Intl. Hod Carriers (AFL) had a closed shop agreement on work at Fort Devens, Mass., under which contractors agreed to hire only union workers. An initiation fee, successively reduced from \$50 to \$20, was payable \$5 weekly.

A side issue, not actually before the court, involved an allegation that the money collected did not remain in the union's hands against union rules. Justice Frank Murphy, for the majority, held that the assessments were "but an ordinary incident of the apparently closed-shop agreement."

Profiteers Are Coming!



The citizens of Brooklyn, N. Y., line up to watch a new Paul Revere ride through the streets—warning about rising prices. Union members know how important it is to fight for OPA to keep living costs down. (Federated Pictures).

Senate Fight For Poll Tax Repeal Soon

Washington, D. C.

An early Senate test on the anti-polltax bill that has been pending business for five months will be sought by a bipartisan steering committee backed by the written promises of support from 51 Senators. Pledges from 13 more would assure a cloture rule and easy passage of the legislation.

This development came at a press conference called by Sen. Claude Pepper (D, Fla.), who is joint leader of the steering committee with Sen. Homer Ferguson (R, Mich.) and attended by Washington legislative representatives of more than a dozen national organizations.

CLOTURE ACID TEST

With Sen. James Mead (D, N.Y.) and Sen. George Aiken (R, Vt.) in attendance, Pepper declared that unless Senators "are ready to break a filibuster, they are not ready to support this bill."

Ferguson echoed the same sentiment, saying "when this bill starts, it will be a question of cloture (limitation of debate). I think we ought to call it up soon . . . in a few weeks and not at the end of the session."

The pending bill is HR 7, passed by the House last November by an overwhelming vote and recently reported out of the Senate judiciary committee. It is now on the Senate calendar ready to be called for debate, and face a polltax filibuster.

SALINAS LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Two candidates for sheriff of Monterey County addressed the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas last week, Jack McCoy and W. Abbott, both members of Carpenters Union 925, speaking briefly.

Lawrence Palacios, international officer of the Laundry Workers Union, visited the council and explained that Tommy Parks, erstwhile business agent of the Salinas local of laundry workers, is no longer a representative, and thanked the council for support of the Salinas local union. No successor to Parks was announced.

Randolph Fenchel, president of Laborers 272, visited the council meeting and offered support of the laborers union in a joint movement for a new Labor Temple in Salinas. A two-story building with basement club room, at cost of \$50,000, was proposed.

Following discussion of ways and means to finance such a project, a committee of John Matos, Fenchel, W. McBeth, Bud Kenyon, Pete Andrade and Bertha Boles, was named to contact an attorney and get the project under way.

WHAT THE UNIONS REPORT

Butchers 506—Two new members at last meeting. Business Agent Lester Nagle passed away.

Carpenters 925—Good attendance with six initiations at last meeting; two delegates named to labor council and delegates also named to attend state convention; contractors generally in favor of the proposed \$1.75 hourly wage rate.

Painters 1104—Good meeting with large attendance.

Plumbers 503—Four new members accepted at special meeting which had all members but three in attendance; new wage scale of \$1.87½ per hour approved.

Warehousemen 890—Discussed progress in negotiations with Western Frozen Foods Co. in Watsonville.

Box Makers Union—Report Metzger Box Company is refusing to operate under union conditions, and drivers of this firm also are non-union.

JET PROJECTS

Army and Navy technicians and scientists are now working on 30 jet projects. These vary from small guided missiles to a flying wing type of plane to be powered by four 10,000 pound thrust jet units.

Register!

LOOK OUT, PANDORA!



FEDERATION WARNS JOBLESS ON 'MERIT RATING' INQUIRIES

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, California. Reliable information has been received by the California State Federation of Labor that certain so-called employer merit rating organizations are contacting unemployed workers through the medium of questionnaires, requesting that they fill them out, using as a pretext that they want to determine whether or not there are possible job openings.

The California Unemployment Insurance Act contains so-called "merit rating" provisions which reduce the employers' tax contribution rates in relation to the number of their unemployed workers who are denied unemployment insurance benefits. Efforts on the part of the employers to reduce their tax contributions have been going on for a long time. Now certain groups have sprung up whose aim is to advise employers specifically how best to obtain disqualification of their unemployed workers in order to enjoy a high merit rating. It is these groups who are sending out these questionnaires, which, on the surface, seem to be concerned solely with the welfare of the unemployed individual. Their sole purpose, however, and their sole and exclusive aim is to obtain the maximum amount of disqualifications.

AFFILIATES WARNED
The policy of these organizations appears to be this: upon receipt of the completed questionnaire, steps will be taken to obtain by various means the disqualification of the workers submitting the questionnaires.

The Federation wishes to warn its affiliated organizations to be on the alert against this new move and to advise their membership not to fill out any questionnaire without consulting with their union representatives. The union representatives should, in turn, contact the California State Federation of Labor for any additional information they may desire.

This effort by these so-called employer merit rating associations to victimize qualified applicants for unemployment benefits is part of a campaign that is being vigorously combated by the Federation. We are confident that with the cooperation of our affiliated organizations, we can protect the interests of the wage earners of California.

Time and a half for all work after 8 hours in any one day, and after 40 hours in any one week was advocated.

A shift differential of \$1.10 per hour for all work between the hours of 6 p. m. and 10 p. m. and of fifteen cents between 10 p. m. and 6 a. m.

The absolute prohibition of homework in manufacturing industries.

The elimination from the present order of learners' provisions, which permit the employment of women and minors at wages less than the minimum.

Certain revisions of the Sanitary order were also urged upon the Commission, in order to bring these provisions up to date and in line with conditions that face women and minors employed in modern industry.

THE COW'S HUSBAND



"The rule of the majority . . . The rule that has brought more bloodshed and turmoil and cruelty on this earth than any other thing known of."—Concept of American democracy by SENATOR TYDINGS of Maryland, in recent speech before Senate.

Straight and Narrow

At a certain crossroads in Canada where the spring thaw made travel almost impossible, a sign nailed up on a tree read: "Take care which rut you choose. You will be in it for the next 20 miles."

Labor News Man



One news commentator who speaks for the workers is AFL's Red Holmgren. In his program, Labor Flashes, broadcast from Chicago Federation of Labor-owned station WCFL, he presents exposes of reaction and labor's side of the news. (Federated Pictures.)

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The Labor Editor Speaks

STOP THE FILIBUSTER!

As we write this, word comes that, once again, the anti-poll tax bill which has for so long been gathering cobwebs in the Senate committee, will be dusted off and brought out on the floor for debate and vote. Once again, of course, the Bilbos, Eastlands and (Rank)ins will filibuster and try to kill it as they have done repeatedly in the past.

This anti-poll tax bill is known as HR. 7. A long time ago it passed the House overwhelmingly. It is in the Senate, where it is necessary to break another filibuster by a "cloture" (two-thirds majority to choke off debate), that the measure always takes a beating.

Late reports were that some 51 Senators have agreed to support "cloture," but some 13 more Senators are needed. If a Senator is not willing to vote for "cloture," then he is not sincerely for HR. 7 and is a pussy-footer and double-crosser.

The poll tax is a tremendous national evil that guarantees the election of Southern Tories who often dominate important congressional committees. These Southern Tories co-operate with tory Republicans to hold up progressive legislation and to harpoon labor. If the people in these seven southern states want to retain the poll tax for state elections, that is their business. But Organized Labor is out to stop it in the election of federal officials. That's what HR. 7 provides, and that's of national concern.

So wire Senators Knowland and Downey to support "cloture" when the leather-lunged reactionaries get their filibuster under way. The fight to abolish the poll tax as a requirement to vote in federal elections has been a long and discouraging one. There is a good chance of being victorious this time IF all union and progressive groups really "put on the heat" for cloture. *Do it now!*

THE OUTLOOK FOR INDIA

Offer of choice of dominion status or outright independence to India by the British labor government is the result of two developments: (1) A rapidly-growing sentiment among the English workers that British domination of India is at variance with the government's nominal adherence to the war principle of "self-determination"; (2) The realization in business circles that discontent in India is building up to the point where the lid might blow off at any time.

It will be interesting to see whether the differences between Moslem and Hindu elements will be utilized further to delay actual independence. These differences are not insuperable. If the Indians are sincere about wanting independence they will find some way to arrange for a separate state for the Moslems. There are disadvantages in creating two states out of one, but unless it is done independence is a long way off, despite all the rosy promises.

Some critics say the British offer is phoney, but our belief is that the time has come when even British statesmen are beginning to realize that exploitation of subject peoples does not harmonize with the principles of the United Nations charter and that the jig is up. Britain hopes, too, to draw closer to the United States in its foreign policy and it cannot make more friends in this country unless it mends its imperialist ways.

THE ANATOMY OF HATE

Some interesting facts about anti-Semitism are revealed in a feature article which appeared in the February issue of *Fortune*. This magazine, which conducts some of the most accurate fact-finding polls in the country, has taken the trouble to probe deeply into the matter. For instance, it finds that:

1. Anti-Semitism increases with wealth.
2. It is strongest in the Northwest and Middle West.
3. It is strongest in the large cities.
4. It is strongest among the age group 35 to 49.
5. It runs parallel with hostility to Great Britain and the Soviet Union.
6. It runs parallel with disapproval of large-scale government work-projects to help prevent unemployment.
7. It runs parallel with hatred of labor unions.
8. Anti-Semites talk louder and faster than most Americans.

Fortune might have added that practically all fascists come under this 8-pronged category. Not all Jew-haters are fascists, but all fascists are Jew-haters!

POSER FOR BARNEY

Bernard Baruch tells Congress it must ban strikes and lockouts (by law, if necessary) so that production can reach high levels. Some one should remind Barney that a lot of manufacturers have been on strike (refused to produce) because they want to sandbag Uncle Sam into repeal of price control. Just what is your suggestion for forcing producers to produce if they don't want to, Mr. Baruch?

THOSE BALLOT-BOX BLUES

One of the strangest things about a democracy made up of people who denounce other nations for not being democratic enough is that half the folks have to work like the very devil to get the other half to register.

Supreme Court Will Rule on Vet Seniority

Washington, D. C. Super-seniority and the other problems of veterans' re-employment rights will be aired before the U. S. Supreme Court to determine finally whether war service can over-ride standard seniority clauses in union contracts with employers.

In agreeing to hear the issues argued, the Supreme Court April 1 asked Solicitor General Howard J. McGrath to present the governments' views as a friend of the court along with the arguments of the parties concerned.

FISHGOLD CASE

The case on which the nation's highest tribunal will act was brought originally by a World War II veteran, Abraham Fishgold, employed as a welder in the Sullivan Drydock & Repair Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Fishgold went to court after the company twice laid him off in favor of welders with greater seniority. The district court upheld Fishgold's plea that the elective Service Act assures him his job for one full year despite any greater length of service of the other welders.

UNION BACKS MEMBER

Local 13, Shipbuilding Workers, which represents the workers in the Brooklyn Yard, then appealed to the U. S. circuit court of appeals, which reversed the lower court March 5.

Union interest in the case centers around a belief that super-seniority is being used by some employers to pit the returned GI against non-veterans in order to wreck labor contracts and finally destroy unions.

Toledo Railway Guards Charged On Manslaughter

Bloomington, Illinois

Four guards of George P. McNear's Toledo Peoria & Western railroad were formally indicted for manslaughter by a McLean county grand jury in the shooting of two unarmed pickets Feb. 6 at Gridley, Ill.

The jury arrived at its decision after five days of hearings in which it heard 49 witnesses. Named in the indictment were Roy Dailey of Peoria, Everett T. Parks of Canton, Lewis A. Smith and his brother, Raleigh Smith, of Blandinsville.

They are charged with shooting into a group of pickets and killing Arthur W. Browne and Irwin K. Paschon and wounding three other pickets. The trial will probably start late in April or early in May. Maximum penalty under each of the two indictments returned is one to 14 years imprisonment.

Union officials at the time of the killings charged they were unprovoked and signed murder charges against the four guards. They are collecting evidence in the hope of connecting McNear, president of the line, with the killings so that they can bring charge against him also.

Labor Editor to Run For N. J. Legislature

Newark, New Jersey

Lewis M. Herrmann, editor of the AFL New Jersey Labor Herald and a member of the Intl. Typographical Union for 33 years, is a candidate on the Republican ticket for the state assembly from Essex county.

Redhead Cheseecake



If the beach ball's an excuse for this cheseecake picture of red-headed Linda Christian, we're in favor of beach balls. (Federated Pictures.)

THE MARCH OF LABOR



"SHADOW OVER ATHENS," by Phokion Demetriades. Published by Rinehart & Company, Inc., New York. Price \$3.00.

As the trials at Nuremberg drag on and the Big Three mill around in vicious circles of distrust and suspicion, people are more and more forgetting the horrors of yesterday's war, the enormity of the German crime against neighboring peoples. Books like "Shadow Over Athens" cannot come off the presses fast enough. They are badly needed as an antidote for complacency and "business as usual."

Demetriades is a brilliant Greek artist who served in the resistance forces in Athens and environs during the German occupation and he tells the story in graphic illustrations of the day-to-day sufferings of the Greek people. It is nearly all pictures, and in an hour one gets a vivid impression of what the little country went through before the Nazis were forced to leave.

Hundreds of thousands of Greeks perished during this brutal occupation, many because of patriotic resistance, most through hunger, still others because they were simply hostages.

This is merely the story of the German in Greece, one of the smallest of the overrun nations. Add to this the killing and destruction elsewhere in Europe, and you have some idea why the common people who survived the horror are demanding that the Beast be chained up for good.

These 77 superb drawings by Demetriades are an outstanding contribution to the literature of the war.

—AL SESSIONS.

"BLOOD OF THE LAMB," By Charles H. Baker, Jr. Published by Rinehart & Company, Inc., New York. Price \$2.50.

Charles H. Baker, Jr., who has been around that part of the country for a long time, knows his Florida "Crackers." And this "To-hacco Road" tale has a salty flavor that you'll enjoy. I have lived in Louisiana and have observed just

such characters in the swamp country between Leesville and New Orleans. Life as here depicted is not pleasant to a Northerner who finds it difficult to believe that such primitive human relationships can exist. But it is quite characteristic of certain sections of the swamp and hill sections of these United States.

Despite the tragedy that develops for one family as a result of neighborly intolerance, there are high spots of laughter in this story. Love Gudger, who preaches the gospel in lusty fashion, is extremely lusty in other respects, too, and the way he picks on Ma Conroy's gals is a caution. But hell hath no fury like an amorous sky-pilot scorned, and dire things happen as a result.

There is an ironical undercurrent running through this story, and it is plain that the author is trying to keep his personal reactions out of it. You'll long remember Birdie, Nelliemage, Grandma Dow and the rest, and you'll still wonder how such people still carry on in 1946!

—AL SESSIONS.

Price Raises Slowly Taking Pay Increases

Washington, D. C.

OPA announced a price hike in most cuts of pork and about a third of the beef cuts, which took effect April 1. Reason given for the rise is "to compensate dealers for recent increases in wholesale ceilings reflecting wage and salary advances in the meat industry."

In most cases, popular cuts of beef and pork will cost only 1c more than before. Veal, lamb and mutton price boosts will be announced later. OPA said.

Ever Happen to You?

Another, who may be said to have his ups and downs, is the unfortunate chap who happens to get an aisle seat at a movie.

Put the Heat On Congress!

Organized labor is letting its representatives in Congress know it is watching their vote on the following legislation:

Polltax Repeal (HR. 7)

Wire your Senator to demand that this House-approved bill be brought to the floor for a vote. Passage will open the way to retire several of the most anti-labor polltaxers to private life.

Price Control (HR. 5270)

Extends OPA another year. Tell all Representatives and Senators to support without trick amendments, so as to protect the value of your dollar.

Housing (HR. 4761)

Crippled Patman bill coming in Senate. Wire support, stressing importance of restoring price ceilings on existing homes and subsidies for bottleneck materials, needed for carrying out Wyatt program.

Control Atomic

Originally drawn up to keep atomic research in civilian hands, McMahon bill with Vandenberg amendment puts it in military shackles. Wire Senators to defeat Vandenberg amendment without compromise.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

THE FRENZIED PHRASE

PETE: "Say, the kids out here in Hollywood sure have a choice collection of expressions, don't they?"

REPETE: "Oh, yeah? How's that?"

PETE: "Well, for one thing, they call girdles 'hind binders' and brasieres, 'flopper stoppers'."

A PERFECT STRANGER

A man fell in love with a woman, even though he knew she was a little "peculiar."

"I can't help myself," he told her. "I want you for my wife." She gave him a long, withering look and replied:

"But I don't even know your wife."

NOTHING TO FEAR

MAID: "There's a gentleman at the door who insists on coming in."

HOLLYWOOD STAR: "Did you ask him for his card?"

MAID: "Yes, but he only laughed and tried to assault me."

HOLLYWOOD STAR: "Oh, let him in—that's my husband."

WILLING TO WAIT

After checking out, the professor returned to the hotel to pick up the umbrella he had left in the room, now occupied by newlyweds. Approaching the door, he heard a resounding kiss, as the bridegroom said:

"Whose little mouth that?"

"Yours," she cooed.

"And whose little nose and neck and arms—and things?"

"Yours, all yours," she murmured.

The professor called: "Say, you folks, when you come to an umbrella—it's mine!"

A SERIOUS PROBLEM

A charming woman of 35, fading but still beautiful, and a good looking man of 50—in fact a charming couple—had been together for 15 years. One night, she lifted her head from her pillow and said to him:

"Darling, let's get married."

He lifted his head from his pillow and said, "Oh, honey, who'd want us?"

WHY, THE DIRTY HOMO!

Papa Hog wandered from the sty to the brewery, where he drank a lot of sour beer. Staggering back home, squealing wildly, he was met by Mama Hog who got him out of sight of the baby pigs, and grunted: "You shameless wretch! Making such a human being of yourself before the children!"

CARELESS OF HIM

One day, when Winston Churchill appeared in public during the war, he raised two fingers in the V sign. A little girl turned to her mother and said: "Why didn't he think of that before he left home?"

HE'S GOT RHYTHM!

A patient who complained of digestive troubles was told by a specialist that he was drinking too much and would have to stop it.

"Well," said the patient, "what am I to tell my wife?"

The doctor thought for a few minutes, then said, "Tell her you are suffering from syncope. That will satisfy her, I'm sure."

The patient did as he was told.

"What is syncope?" asked the wife.

"I don't know," said the husband, "but that's what the doctor told me."

When the husband had gone out the wife looked up the word in the dictionary and found that it meant:

"Irregular movement from bar to bar."

THAT'S MUCH BETTER

Mother: "Daughter, didn't I tell you not to let strange men come to your apartment? You know a thing like that causes me to worry."

Daughter: "Don't be ridiculous, mother. I went to his apartment . . . now let HIS mother worry."

SITUATION COVERED

Daughter: "I'm posing for an artist this afternoon, mother."

"All right, dear. But remember, no posing in the nude."

"Oke, I'll put a string around my finger."

MYSTERIOUS AILMENTS

Two friends met in a dental clinic. One asked the other what was wrong with his teeth.

"I've got something on one of my gums that has to be removed."

His friend immediately launched into a jocular discussion about the thing and told the victim that he knew what caused such growths.

"What is the cause," asked the other.

"Promiscuous osculation," said the friend.

The victim looked blank for a moment and then said: "You college guys . . . always pulling Latin on me."

COMPLICATED OPERATION

"We really thought you were going to throw up the sponge," said the surgeon to the patient as the fumes of the anesthetic cleared.

"Good God," he said, "did you leave one inside me?"

SAYS TRUMAN MUST COME OUT SWINGING TO LICK REACTION Roosevelt Style Of Going Direct To People Lacked

Washington, D. C.

BY TRAVIS K. HEDRICK

For a full year now, as of April 12, the American ship of state has sailed the foreign and domestic seas without the firm and experienced hand of Franklin D. Roosevelt at the helm.

There's been a void in America and in her policy at home and abroad since the news was sped over the wire service lines:

Flash: WARM SPRINGS, ROOSEVELT DEAD!

A year has passed. An assessment is being made, evaluating Truman.

For our money, it appears that Truman has fallen short. That isn't particularly shocking because Truman knew then that he is not FDR . . . so did all his countrymen. The black mark is being made because in so many respects Truman isn't really trying. In most cases it is simple lip-service to Roosevelt's program, as for instance, in most of the domestic legislation FDR favored.

THE TRUMAN RECORD

Truman has asked Congress for FEPC, for poll tax repeal, for a real full employment bill, for housing legislation, for unemployment compensation of \$25 for 26 weeks "some of these things he has called for repeatedly . . . on paper . . . and on paper the record appears rather good."

But actually Truman has accepted an unemployment compensation law that knocked out the \$25 weekly minimum and he signed it, skeleton that it was.

Truman sat back and watched a minority of southern Senators successfully filibuster the FEPC to death.

AGGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP

What would Roosevelt have done? It would be pure guesswork to say. But it was not Roosevelt's character to let that kind of thing go on without a fight. He may have lost, but FDR would have struck out and named some names. He surely would have asked the people to act. He would have spurred and encouraged the forces backing FEPC.

But not for Harry Truman . . . no sir. Truman is satisfied to let what he calls "the democratic process" work. He thinks it is entirely up to Congress to pass or to emasculate his program—as long as he tells Congress and the people that he is for a policy.

FOREIGN POLICY

While Truman has paid lip-service to the Roosevelt program at home, he has sharply transformed it where foreign policy is concerned. Where Roosevelt was actually his own secretary of state, Truman is satisfied to let Jimmy Byrnes run things.

Byrnes decided it would be smart to play along with Great Britain against the Soviet Union. Byrnes chose the "get tough with Russia" policy.

What would Roosevelt have done? Again it's a guess but the record of the past is clear. Roosevelt was a staunch advocate of Big Three unity. Roosevelt felt that America's role was that of a strong and great friend of both Britain and Russia—and that his part was to help make them, get along, America, under Roosevelt, was a mediator and as such took no part in pulling Britain's irons out of the fire.

NO "BIG 3" MEET?

Truman has permitted relations between ourselves and our wartime ally to deteriorate badly. He now scoffs at the idea of another Big Three meeting and insists that the whole world problem must be settled in the UNO.

That is a sort of legalistic reply. What would be wrong with trying another meeting with Marshal Stalin, Prime Minister Clement Attlee and himself? What would there be to lose? Surely Mr. Big would have acted before now if he were

alive . . . and Roosevelt would have come up with a solution.

It's been a year without Roosevelt's masterful leadership. America sorely needs that kind of leadership now.

Labor Papers Threatened by Drastic Cuts In Newsprint

Washington, D. C.

A group of labor newspaper editors recently called on the Civilian Production Administration in an effort to check threatened suspension of their publications by drastically cut newsprint deliveries. The delegation came here after two N. Y. concerns, printing some 50 different labor and fraternal papers, suffered a 40% to 50% slash in paper supplies after government controls were lifted. Included in the protesting group were editors of the AFL Electrical Union World, Hat Worker, Justice and others.

CPA administrator John Small assured the delegation he would oppose any action forcing a paper to shut down entirely.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This same critical newsprint emergency exists on the West Coast. As soon as war rationing was lifted, the paper jobbers notified some of their accounts, including the publisher of this paper, that the supply would henceforth be cut as low as 50%. Whether this action singles out certain publications and benefits others is hard to determine, but it is a known fact in the printing trades, for example, that the powerful Hearst press has plenty of paper coming all the time.

American Legion Backing Patman Bill on Housing

Washington, D. C.

After weeks of pressure from organized labor for the passage of the original Patman veterans' housing bill, the American Legion went on record before the Senate banking committee supporting the measure. Natl. Legislative Rep. John F. Taylor called upon the Senators to reinstate provisions for premium payments to spur production of bottleneck materials, as well as to impose curbs on speculation in existing homes and building lots.

"The American Legion believes that the only way to relieve the housing misery of our fighting men is to enact this program into law and in doing so to include premium payments and price controls eliminated from the original bill through the pressure of selfish interests," Taylor said.

Very Poor Pickings

Told that a famous mind reader was planning to locate in Hollywood, Monty Woolley snapped: "It is my prediction that he will starve to death."

No Lawnmowers? Blame OPA



OPA's the villain in scarcity of lawn mowers, forcing honest manufacturers to hold them back for price boosts—at least that's the story of Robert A. Seidel, left, Washington spokesman for Natl. Retail Dry Goods Assn., who's campaigning to get Congress to kill OPA. (Federated Pictures)

SALINAS UNION DIRECTORY

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BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 5 p.m. Pres. Judson F. Flint, 201 Archer, phone 3298. Secy., Louie Grasso, 251 Clay St., phone 8819. Bus. Agent, Hans Top, 1128 Laurie Ave., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341. Office at 72 N. Second St., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 8 p.m. Pres. John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal. Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 207 Main St., phone 4302.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 2 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Pres. Eddie Rose. Secy. and Business Agent, Karl E. Hess. Office at Teamsters Hall, phone 6209.

BUTCHERS UNION 506 (Salinas Branch)—Pres. Geo. Gilbert; Vice Pres. Bill Steinmuller; Fin. Sec., Harry Boch; Rec. Sec., Jim Erington. (Earl Moorhead, Exec. Sec. office phone San Jose, Columbia 2132). Del Monte Ave.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30. Carpenters Hall, North Main Street. Pres., Ray Luna. Vice-Pres., I. R. Miller. Business Agent, George Harter, 422 North Main Street, phone 5721. Financial Secy., L. H. Taft, 243 Clay Street, phone 4246. Treas., O. O. Little. Recording Secy., Amos Schofield, 422 North Main.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. President, Mrs. Ed Francis; Vice-President, Mrs. Ray Luna; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aubrey Cunningham; Treasurer, Mrs. Mark Pilliar; Warden, Mrs. Bert Nelson; Conductress, Mrs. Earl Van Emon.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (MONTEREY COUNTY)—Meets every Friday evening at 8 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Pres. Peter A. Andrade, phone 4893. Secy.-Treas., George Harter, 422 N. Main, phone 5721. Council Negotiation Committee: Albert Harris, phone 4893; George Harter, phone 5721.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call. Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main and John Sts., phone 6209.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus. Mgr. Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres. Phone 6524.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 2nd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 8 p.m. Pres., C. R. Ingersoll, P.O. Box 2, Freedom. Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas, phone 4972.

LABORERS 272—Meets second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 17 Railroad Ave.; J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas; J. B. McGinley, Bus. Agent, office at 117 Pajaro St.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey. Phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas. Phone 9223.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 252—Meets on call in Teamsters Hall, Main and John Streets. Mildred Clinton, president and business agent. Phone 4717.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 117 Pajaro Street at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Earl Ross. Fin. Secy. and Business Agent, Donald McBeth, 1014 Le Costa Street, phone 4126. Recording Secy., Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randan, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, phone 1423; Pres., Don Frick.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS UNION Local 503—Meets Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Al Evely; Recording Secretary, William Farr, Financial Secretary, C. Russell Walker, 312-B Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 9259. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex. Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schreke, 636 El Camino Real, No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., Milo Martella, 339 West St., Salinas. Secretary, Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., E. E. Lehr, 142 11th St., Pacific Grove. Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-1. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple. Pres., R. H. Clinch, 348 1/2 West Street. Vice-Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street. Secy.-Treas., W. Y. Karch, 20 Natividad Road, Salinas.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—President, J. Collins; Secretary-Treasurer, R. MacBessie; Recording secretary, H. Dies. Meet in Foresters Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

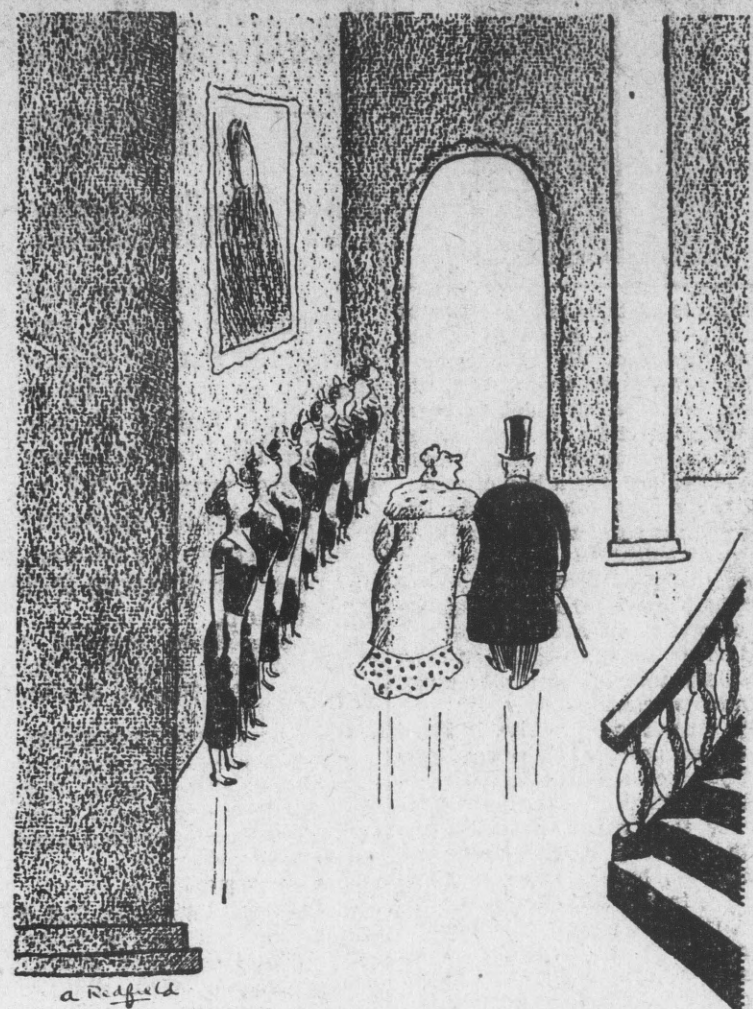
TEAMSTERS 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216. Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

WAREHOUSEMEN 890—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters Hall, John and Main streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris. Secretary, W. G. Kenyon. Financial secretary and business representative, Peter A. Andrade.

No Room to Move . . . Redfield



"To hell with the housing shortage. With your influence you should be able to get out of this hole."

Get Your Crying Towels, Folks! Just Look Who's Going Busted!

The NAM and the other lobbies driving for an end to price control say OPA ceilings are a threat to private enterprise, make it impossible for business to get a decent profit and therefore stifle production. Here are statistics from the Depts. of Labor and Commerce that show the percent gain in profits all these poor companies showed in 1944, under OPA, over 1936-39. Profits in 1945 were as high or higher than in 1944, statistics so far compiled show, and with no excess profits tax, will be even higher in 1946.

	Percent gain in 1944 profits over average 1936-39
Hardware retailers	464%
Small furniture stores	185 "
Variety chain stores	339 "
Men's apparel stores	398 "
Department stores	1,324 "
Chain grocery stores	152 "
All manufacturing	450 "
Textile and leather	730 "
Metals and products	590 "
Building materials	270 "
Food, beverage and tobacco	200 "

To Get Benefits For Labor in Washington, Let's Lick This Kind

Washington, D.C.
Rep. Jessie Sumner (R, Ill.) in the Congressional Record Mar. 25, 1946: "The way to prevent the United States from becoming a completely communist state is to vote against the communistic New Deal measures offered in Congress day after day."

ENLARGED AIRLINE FLEET
WASHINGTON — The domestic and international fleets of the United States airlines showed an increase of more than 43 per cent during 1945. The major part of the increase according to the Air Transport Association of America took place in the new post-war months.

New Jersey Governor Signs 'Worst Bill' To Injure Unionism

Trenton, New Jersey
Gov. Walter E. Edge (R) signed into law S 91, described by unionists as the worst anti-labor bill ever passed in New Jersey. The bill outlaws strikes in public utilities and for the first time in any state authorizes the governor to seize utilities where workers want to strike. Day before crowds of unionists packed the gallery of the assembly, where the bill was passed by a close vote of 33 to 26, and burst into applause as a long parade of opponents denounced the bill as "vicious . . . unconstitutional" and warned that "the Republicans will pay for this colossal blunder in the November elections."

Cop Violence at Yale & Towne



For resisting their attempts to get strikebreakers into Yale & Towne plant in Stamford, Conn., this picket is dragged to patrol wagon by state troopers.

ALONG CANNERY ROW

(AFL Fish Cannery Workers)
Monterey, Calif.

Everything is quiet along Cannery Row, except for the pounding of the hammers of builders as work is hurried in the construction of new plants and the installation of new equipment.

There are no fish to be packed, as the fishermen are not yet going out, and the price has not been set as yet for the catch. Summer pack will not get under way for two or three more weeks.

Machinery is being moved into the new plants as rapidly as possible, and the 1946-47 season, if

weather permits, will set new records for the Monterey sardine pack—especially with the wage rates for cannery workers already settled.

The greatest number of packing plants in Monterey's history will be in operation this coming season.

Although much of the Pacific Coast felt the recent tidal wave to some extent, the wave spent its fury on the Monterey breakwater and was hardly noticed in Monterey. Santa Cruz was hard hit, but the wall of water caused scarcely a ripple along the Monterey harbor beaches.

—THE CAN OPENER.

MINUTES

Central Labor Council

Minutes of the meeting of April 2, 1946. The meeting was called to order by President McCutcheon.

The roll call showed the presence of eight delegates from seven locals. Officers present were President McCutcheon, V.-P. Johnson, and Secretary-Treas. Edwards.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The delegates to the Sacramento Conference presented expense accounts amounting to \$34.86. It was moved, seconded, and passed that these be paid.

Various communications were presented and considered.

Steve Smario and Wayne Edwards gave reports of their trip to Sacramento as delegates to the state conference. (Copy of the report enclosed.)

It was moved, seconded, and passed to endorse a resolution urging the 40-hour week for all state employees.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to endorse Dewey Anderson for the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to endorse a resolution urging A. F. of L. participation in the World Federation of Trade Unions.

The Barbers reported that William Gurney, a member of the Carpenters Union, had been observed patronizing an "unfair" barber shop.

The Cannery Workers reported a good meeting. They have obtained a new wage scale, giving increases of 16c and 19c per hour to hourly workers, and an increase of 40c per month to all monthly employees. Their old contract was to run to July 1, but the increases became effective March 15, instead.

The Butchers reported that they had a banquet at their last meeting.

The Carpenters reported a good meeting and four new members.

The Bartenders reported that their negotiating committee had not yet made progress, but they are to have another meeting with the employers April 5.

The financial report was read and accepted and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,
Secretary-Treas.

Report of delegates Steve Smario and Wayne Edwards delegates to the state conference of the California State Federation of Labor at Sacramento, March 23, 1946.

The conference was for the purpose of considering endorsements for candidates for state offices at the coming election. Each central labor council and each building trades council was invited to send two delegates. About half the eligible number attended. Some could not come because of transportation difficulties and others because they could not get hotel accommodations.

Candidates endorsed were: U. S. Senator, Will Rogers Jr. (Both he and Patterson are good friends of labor, but other qualities caused Rogers to be endorsed.) Governor, Earl Warren. (Gov. Warren has been a good friend of labor during his administration and deserves our support.)

Li. Gov. Jack Shelley. (He has always supported labor in every way.)

State Treasurer, Charles G. Johnson. (No opposition, and Mr. Johnson has always been friendly to labor.)

Sec. of State, Jordan, the incumbent. (No opposition. Mr. Jordan has always been very co-operative with organized labor.)

Supt. of Public Instruction, Dewey Anderson. (He is a good friend of organized labor and has sound views on education.)

Attorney General, two candidates were endorsed: Fred Howser, on the Republican ticket, and Edmund "Pat" Brown on the Democratic ticket.

In short speeches, Sec. Haggerty and Jack Shelley made pleas for unity and urged united support for the candidates endorsed.

The general sentiment of the conference seemed to your delegates to be more interested in opposing candidates endorsed by the CIO and PAC than in getting behind candidates friendly to labor. Your delegates believe that labor will never gain its objectives until all its factions are united. When workers fight within their own ranks, the enemy gets in.

Your delegates appreciate the privilege you gave them of attending this conference.

Respectfully submitted,
WAYNE EDWARDS,
Secretary.

Yugoslav Unions Appeal to U. S. For Aid in Food

Chicago, Illinois

A strong appeal to American workers to help avert threatened mass starvation in Yugoslavia by putting pressure on UNRRA to fulfill its commitments on foodstuffs and industrial equipment was made to the Intl. Union of Mine Mill & Smelter Workers by the Union of Workers & Employees of the Mineral Industry of Yugoslavia.

The Yugoslavia miners cabled IUMMSW that five million people are threatened by starvation and a complete breakdown of their national economy due to UNRRA's failure to fulfill its commitments of wheat, fats and industrial equipment.

Pointing out that more than 1 1/2 million Yugoslavs had been killed and their whole national economy disorganized in the 4-year war against the Nazis, the cablegram said UNRRA aid had helped avoid a national catastrophe right after V-E Day but that shipments now amount to only 5% of quotas. The miners said they have not received promised shipments of compressors and pneumatic drills to operate their mines.

The Yugoslavs asked support from the American miners in the name of "our readiness in the struggle against blood-stained fascism and our contribution to the liberty of all peoples of the world."

Down to Business

A highly illiterate old bore appeared again at the doctor's office, with more of his hypochondria ideas.

The doctor suppressed an unkind remark, and said: "Mr. Finnegan, you are an autistic personality with schizothymic features; it is obvious that your archicortex prevails over your neocortex, revealing that you belong to a phylogenetically old species of vertebrates."

Finnegan's face expressed pure enthusiasm. "Doc," he said, "let me tell you this: I have seen many physicians in my life, but I feel sure you are the first who really understands my disease."

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT

Elect—
LOUIS C.

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MONTEREY COUNTY
District Attorney

Primary—June 4

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BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose. Hans Top, Secy and Bus. Agent, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS LOCAL 896—Meets 1st Thursdays at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St. President, Ralph Lester, 307 1/2 Madison St.; Secretary-Treas., A. H. Thompson, 243 Alvarado St., Ph. 5741.

BARTENDERS 483 (HOTEL, RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES & BARTENDERS ALLIANCE)—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Monday at 8:30 p.m., 3rd Monday at 2:30 p.m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon; Sec., Pearl Robinson; Bus. Agt., Steve Smario. Office, 315 Alvarado, Monterey; phone 6734.

BRICK MASON LOCAL UNION NO. 16—Meets Building Trades Hall, second and fourth Friday, 8:00 a.m. President F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville; Fin.-Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, Phone 6745; Rec.-Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, Phone 3715.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., W. J. Dickerson, 201 Monroe St., phone 8160. Secretary and Bus. Agent, L. T. Long, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 4292. Office at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., phone 6744. Mailing address: P.O. Box 611. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Pres., Floyd Harris; Vice-Pres., S. Corona; Rec. Sec., Helen Day; Fin. Sec., Gene Hellam; Bus. Agt., Earl Moorhead, San Jose, Ph. Columbia 2132.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at 411 1/2 Alvarado St. Pres., Geo. Dietl, phone 7992. Fin. Secy., D. L. Ward, 400 Gibson St., phone 6726. Bus. Rep. L. T. Long, phone 6726. Office at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., P.O. Box 611, phone 6744.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (MONTEREY PENINSULA)—Meets at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon. Vice-Pres., J. F. Wheat. Secretary-Treasurer, Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., phone 7622.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS NO. 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street, Monterey. E. C. Geary, president, Paul Day, secretary. Phone 7550.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF PACIFIC (Monterey County, AFL)—Meets on call. Pres., William Culver; Bus. Agent, Lester Caveny; Secy.-Treas., Roy Humbracht. Office at Labor Temple, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey.

FISHERMEN (SEINE AND LINE)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Salvatore Davigo, 335 Monroe St., phone 7729. Secretary and Bus. Agent, John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 7713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets in New Labor Temple, Monterey, first Sunday morning of each month at 10 o'clock. President, Perry Luce, 1251 David avenue. Vice-President, Thomas E. McGuire, P. O. Box 156, Seaside. Secretary-Treasurer, Frank E. Decker, P. O. Box 1305, Monterey.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey. Phone Monterey 4820; Secretary-Treasurer, Dean S. Seefeldt, 1508 First St., Salinas, Phone Salinas 674.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES, Division 192—President, Harry M. Fox Jr.; Secretary, Herman R. Bach.

MUSICIANS 616—Meetings, when called, held at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, at 2:30 p.m. Pres., A. A. Hirsch, Seaside, Calif., phone Monterey 4257. Secretary, Harry H. Judson, Box 422, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 6166. Office at 500 Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 315 Alvarado St. at 8 p.m. Pres., Robert Deakin, 149 Monterey, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 9285. Rec. Secy., Ed. L. Castle, 457 Wave, Monterey, phone 6312. Financial secretary, J. C. Hazelwood, 419 9th St., Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 7955.

PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS NO. 337—Meet first and third Friday, Building Trades Hall, Monterey, 8:00 p.m. President, Earl Smith, Monterey; Financial Secretary, V. J. Willoughby, 152 Carmel Avenue, Pacific Grove.

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**Critics Flay
Politics in
Food Relief**

Atlantic City, N. J.

Grim stories came out of the UNRRA meeting—stories of food being used as a political club by those who fear the rise of democratic governments in once reactionary European and Asiatic countries.

It is charged that the Combined Food Board, consisting of the U.S., Great Britain and Canada, in allocating food and coal supplies has given preference to neutral and former enemy countries over nations which resisted the Nazis with the blood and homes of their people. These charges were brought by China, Czechoslovakia, France, New Zealand, Poland, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia and were underlined by criticisms from UNRRA's retiring director general, Herbert Lehman. They include:

SOME OF CHARGES

1. Charge that Yugoslavia's bid for coal was refused while 500,000 tons were allocated to an unspecified former enemy.

2. Charge that the Combined Food Board allocated 122,000 tons of oil and fats to Spain and Portugal while giving only 169,000 tons for all other countries dependent on it for relief.

3. Charge by New Zealand that Japan's victims in the Far East are being denied supplies that are going to Japan.

4. Charge by China that the board has shown definite favoritism to British colonies.

5. Charge that the board failed to meet schedules in France, giving only 500,000 of a promised 2,750,000 tons to meet a critical grain shortage in the first half of 1946. France finally appealed to Russia, which made available a half million tons of grain.

**Fight For Price
Control to 1947
Reaching Climax**

The House price-control fight centering on legislation to extend OPA another full year moved toward a climax with announcement of the formation of a 63-man Congressional Committee for the protection of the Consumer. Rep. Aime J. Forand (D, R.I.) is chairman of the group, with Joseph Clark Baldwin (R, NY) and Chase Going Woodhouse (D, Conn.) co-chairmen.

The body is pledged to fight for passage of H.R. 5270, the bill continuing OPA to June 30, 1947, without crippling amendments. Mrs. Woodhouse stated that her analysis of 12,000 letters coming to the House banking committee on price control shows 90% favoring price and rent control, and that business is divided—big business for abolition of price control, small business for retaining it.

The congressional group has already held a meeting with representatives of national organizations to coordinate the fight within Congress and among the public at large.

Amendments to the OPA extension bill which will be pushed by the opposition, warned Forand and Mrs. Woodhouse, will be to extend OPA for less than one year, to compel lifting of price control when CPA or the Agriculture Dept. certify that "acute shortages" are now relieved, and to forbid OPA from requiring middle men to absorb manufacturing price increases.

Announcement of the committee's formation came as hearings on OPA extension before the House banking committee were drawing to a close. OPA Administrator Paul Porter testified that inflation could be held in check "only if the price control law is extended promptly and without weakening amendments . . . and only if all groups in the country give support to the price control program."

**Congressman in
Plea to Truman
To Cancel Bomb
Demonstrations**

Sen. James W. Huffman (D, O.) offered a resolution in the Senate requesting Pres. Truman to cancel the Bikini atomic bomb tests. "This is no time for martial gestures," said Huffman. "The proposed tests should be cancelled until the cause of international cooperation for a firm and lasting peace has been given every opportunity to succeed."

"America must return to sound judgment. . . . Mankind should never again detonate an atomic bomb. Experience has already sufficiently demonstrated that war fought with the atomic weapons we now know will leave virtually no survivors. Let us think soberly, prayerfully and seriously, before taking a single step that might contribute to such an end," he said.

**YOUR
CONGRESSMAN
REPORTS**

By

GEORGE E. OUTLAND



"We the people of the United Nations, determined:

"To save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind . . .

"To practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors . . .

"Have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish these aims." These words, in which millions of people the world over have placed a deep and abiding faith, appear in the preamble of the United Nations Charter. At this moment, the "action group" of the UNO, the Security Council, is meeting in New York City. The solemn organization charged with a duty that is close to sacred, is meeting in an atmosphere that worries those of us who pray for a lasting peace.

Irresponsible news columnists, radio commentators and headline writers have all but cried a declaration of war against Russia. Men of nations which but recently spilled blood in mutual agony in a total war against a common enemy, now turn chilly shoulders to one another. It is already more than time to re-examine the meaning of this determination "to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors."

We saved many years and many lives in World War II because the United Nations were formed as something more than an intangible. They became a strategy planning group. Russian, British, American, French, Chinese military and political scientists sat down at conference tables and calculated the physical, economic and psychological blows to be rained upon the enemy from every side.

Around the war-time conference table there were differences of opinion, different theories and ways of doing things, expressed. But when it was victory or die, it became possible to rise above these differences for the common good. It is quite possible that peace or die is the issue today around the peace-time conference table. It is equally essential that the delegates rise above the differences of opinion, of economic theory, above the traditional suspicions, the bloc against bloc politics and scheming. They must learn to regard themselves as citizens of the world. They no longer represent states hanging tenaciously to their narrow views of complete national sovereignty.

There is a thick and muddled background to overcome. The old imperialisms are rising up to haunt us. Great Britain, though weakened by the terrible war, is still remembered as the most empire minded nation on earth, the great exponent of power politics, balances of nations and spheres of influence. Nor did the speech of Winston Churchill proposing an Anglo-American alliance, rather than an alliance of all nations, help those at the conference table to rise above old doubts.

It was not long ago, the conferees remember, that American Marines were sent to Nicaragua. Today they are taking sides in Chinese Civil War. America has now ringed herself with a protective barrier of exclusively owned Pacific bases. Britain took sides in Greece.

The Russians also seek to surround themselves with sympathetic countries, create protections on their borders. There is the question of Iran. It is being called a momentous climax in history. Rather it is a symbol of the old patterns which must be overcome. There is talk of protecting the rights of small nations. The Iranian issue, however, is not a true example of such benevolent motives. Iran is rich in oil, and oil is the issue. American and British interests own and operate many wealthy oil concessions in this country. The Russians are seeking similar concessions. No one is too worried about the rights of small-nation Iran; they are worried rather about their rights in Iran.

There are old patterns of isolation to rise above as well. The rest of the world helped to cut off Russia after the last war with a policy of suspicions, anti-Soviet blocs, non-recognition, and even armed intervention. Today we reap some of the bitter chaff in Russia's grim and wary attitude. America led the isolationists after the last war. We smugly shrugged off our respon-

Humans, By Gosh!

A man had been looking for a good church to attend and he happened into a small one in which the congregation were reading with the minister. They were saying: "We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done."

The man dropped into a seat and sighed with relief as he said to himself: "Thank goodness, I've found my crowd at last."

Learn from the mistakes of others—you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.

**Labor Survey
Reveals Huge
War Advance
For Unionism**

Washington, D. C.

Organized labor's gains during the war are reflected sharply in a study by the Dept. of Labor showing that in 1945, of all manufacturing workers, 87 per cent enjoyed protection ranging from maintenance of union membership to the closed shop.

The breakdown, compiled by Federated Press from the official release of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, follows:

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
Closed Shop or Union Shop (with preferential hiring) 25%, Union Shop (without preferential hiring) 18%, Maintenance of Membership 46%.**HALF COVERED**

In preparing its figures, BLS estimated that 14 million workers were covered by union contracts during 1945 out of 29 million engaged in occupations in which unions seek written contracts for their members.

Of all the production workers in manufacturing in 1945, BLS found, about 70% were under union agreements.

In 1941 slightly less than 33% of the workers eligible for union agreement coverage were under contract protection, but this figure includes non-manufacturing workers as well as production employees.

For 1945, the total under union contract in both manufacturing and non-manufacturing industries was 50% according to BLS.

**REPUBLICAN
CONTROL OF
HOUSE SEEN
AS POSSIBLE**

New York City

The Republican party may gain control of the House in the 1946 elections, according to a poll of newspaper political writers in 27 states outside the south conducted by Look magazine.

Replies of the newspapermen, as reported in the April 16 Look, indicate that the Republicans could win up to 33 more House seats with a gain of 12 seats predicted as certain. The GOP needs to gain 27 seats for control of the House.

The poll indicated that the Democrats would retain their majority in the Senate but that the majority of gubernatorial contests would go to the Republicans. States where a Republican gain in House seats is predicted include: California (2 or 3 seats), Connecticut (2 to 4), Illinois (1 to 4), Kentucky (1), Michigan (1 or 2), Missouri (1 or 2), New York (1), Ohio (1 or 2), Pennsylvania (4 to 6), Utah (1), Washington (1), West Virginia (1 to 3), Wisconsin (1).

"Increasing dissatisfaction with the Truman administration," "FDR's loss and Ickes' blast worry Democrats" and "party factionalism" are reasons advanced for possible Democratic defeats. Look, a Cowles publication, is strongly Republican in its own sentiment, however.

**OPEN-SHOP
TOOL GETS
CAUGHT UP
FOR TAXES**

Cleveland, Ohio

Associated Industries Inc., union-busting organization of Cleveland employers, was charged in U. S. tax court here with failing to declare \$25,888.54 in income and excess profits taxes between 1921 and 1941.

Associated Industries conducts labor relations programs for about 550 business firms and has a long history of union-busting and strike-breaking activities.

Its services have included calling out and financing strikebreakers, paying undercover men to act as labor spies and maintaining a staff of labor consultants to serve members needing help on labor questions.

In opening the government's case, Counsel W. W. Kerr charged: "Associated Industries was organized in 1921 for the purpose of putting a stop to the organization of unions, for stifling the growth of unions and preventing to the best of their ability establishment of a closed shop." AI maintains it is a business league exempt from income tax payments.

William Frew Long, Cleveland labor relations counsel and former manager of the association, testified it was organized "to secure and perpetuate for employers and employees freedom of contract irrespective of religious, political, industrial or labor organization." The case is being heard by John W. Kern of Washington, former mayor of Indianapolis.

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Several people have been placed on various jobs. We urge all of our members to contact this office—telephone 2012 in the event you become unemployed.

Brother Pete Andrade has been in Seattle attending a conference

of Teamsters of the 11 western states. He, no doubt, will have an interesting report for you on his return.

The negotiating committee from Spigel Foods to draw up a new working agreement are: Alex Dahmer, Margaret Grasso, Zoy Bass, Margaret Blake and Rita Williams.

Watsonville:

A well-attended meeting greeted Al Harris on his return to work in Watsonville last Monday evening. This was his first meeting since his recent illness.

Mrs. Blaine, who will be in the office for Local 890, was introduced to the members. Any of you wishing to pay dues or seek information will find her willing to help you. The office is upstairs in the Labor Temple on Main Street (across from the Hotel Reseter, Watsonville).

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